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Dear Parents

Progression in painting work

This half term, as part of our curriculum development and supporting pupil wellbeing, we have given curriculum time over to teaching painting techniques across the school. Pupils have been looking at colour mixing and organising, using different painting media and tools and different ways of representing abstract and concrete ideas. The work is truly stunning, showing the journey of the developing knowledge of the children through each year group.

Here is a small selection of the work:

Year 6: Still life



Year 5: Observational painting of flowers



Year 4: Landscape focus



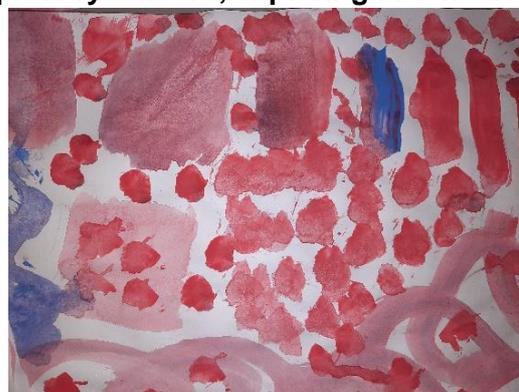
Year 3: Abstract techniques, paint and pen



Year 2: Controlling colours, producing tones and tints (in preparation for leaf paintings)



Year 1: Working with tones and tints of primary colours; exploring brush strokes



Early Years: organising colours, shape and composition, responding to nature



COVID update

Please keep checking the school website: <https://southhiendley.wakefield.sch.uk/>

We will post any updates to school reopening, changes due to Tier transitions etc. on the front page of the website if anything changes over the school holidays.

A huge well done to year 1, who are our isolating bubble this week. They have worked really hard on their home learning tasks. We have missed you all so much, and can't wait to see you back in school at the start of next half term.

Governors meeting this week

We held our first governors meeting this week. Thank you to our governing board for their support over this tricky half term, we really appreciate it.

If you click the link below, you can access the suite of policies for the school that are in place:

<https://southhiendley.wakefield.sch.uk/policies>

Academic Mentor Positions

You should have received an email this week about some Academic Mentor positions which are being recruited for the school by TEACHFIRST, to support pupils in year 5 and 6. Please pass this on to anyone who you think may be interested:

Academic mentors - temporary roles in school

Do you know someone who is interested in providing support to children in years 5 and 6, working with them to help catch up following the COVID lockdown last academic year?

The government is funding the **Academic mentor** programme throughout many schools in the Wakefield district. If you have the subject knowledge and aptitude to help children at the older end of Key stage two, you may be able to apply for one of these roles. You would need to be confident with the elements of the year 5 and 6 curriculum, including Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Mathematics and arithmetic and supporting with high quality writing activities. The roles are full time in school, and are focused on small group and individual tuition of identified pupils.

The programme is run by TeachFirst, an external organisation, who recruit and train the academic mentors. These are then deployed into schools in the area. South Hiendley has two posts available. The roles are temporary for a year, and attract a competitive salary.

If you would like to know more, please follow the link below.

<https://www.teachfirst.org.uk/academic-mentors>

Open evenings – Hemsworth Academy

Please click the link below to attend the rolling “open evening” at the high school. There is lots of information here to help our year 5 and 6 pupils start to get ready for transition.

<https://sites.google.com/hemsworth.outwood.com/oahopenevening2020>

Keeping busy, keeping safe

The half term is upon us. Wakefield has produced a guide of activities that are available over the holidays.

<https://wakefield.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/whats-it-all-about>

You can also access our website, which has lots of advice and support about keeping safe during the half term break, including online safety and other issues which you may need support with.

<https://southhiendley.wakefield.sch.uk/safeguarding>



We have received the following link and information from a local parenting group. We share this as community information; please note this is not a school website or school organised activity.

🎃👻🎃👻 Who's getting excited for Halloween?? 🎃👻🎃👻

If you're looking for an event, day out or half term fun to do with your kids check out the October Half Term pages on the Wakefield Mumbler website!

Join in with our Mumbler Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail by putting a picture of a pumpkin in your front window so children can spot them on their daily walk, just like we did with rainbows earlier in the year! Click here for all the info and to download your pumpkin template <http://bit.ly/mumblerpumpkintrail>



For lots more ideas check out:

<https://wakefield.mumbler.co.uk/school-holidays/october-half-term/>

Relationships and Sex Education

Next half term, we will be consulting parents over the government changes to the RSE curriculum. If you would like to be part of this virtual consultation, please can you send an email to SH-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk with the subject header **RSE consultation**. We will then get in touch with dates for a presentation to explain the government expectations and plans the school has in place. We will of course be working closely with parents and governors.

Homework

Please ensure your child completes their homework. Teachers will make provision for pupils who do not complete their homework to complete it during breaktimes. If you are having any difficulties accessing the see saw app, or would like paper copies, please let your child's class teacher know. If your child is struggling with any aspect of homework, again please talk to your child's class teacher for help, support and advice. Thank you.

Attendance

Our class attendance figures	
Nursery	98.53%
Reception	97.58%
Year 2	98.05%
Year 3	94.52%
Year 4	89.20%
Year 5	93.93%
Year 6	89.69%



Mrs. Thompson

A huge thank you to Mrs. Thompson for all her hard work and dedication to South Hiendley Primary School. Mrs. Thompson is retiring today, and we wish her all the best for a relaxing retirement. I send the thanks of our governors, staff, families and pupils to you, and we of course hope we can keep in touch. All the best.



Have a lovely weekend, a relaxing half term, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2nd November!**